

REMARKS

The amendments and remarks herein are in response to the pending Office Action of December 9, 2008. Claims 8-11, 45 and 83 remain pending in the present application. Claims 45 and 83 have been allowed. Applicants believe that the amendments above place the application into condition for allowance, as will be further discussed immediately below.

The § 112 Rejection

The Examiner rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. It should be appreciated that the language that has been objected to by the Examiner was present in originally filed claims 5, 6 and 8. Accordingly, paragraph 100 of the specification has been amended above in order to include this language in accordance with MPEP 2163(I)(B). For this reason, Applicants respectfully believe that claims 8-11 are now allowable.

CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Hence, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims under immediate consideration, and passage to issue of the application is solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 303-410-9254.

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